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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42 and 43 as follows:

42. (Amended) An illumination device comprising a light source, a light guide plate into receiving a ray of light of said light source, and said optical sheet according to one of claims 29-39 and 41, disposed on one side of said light guide plate.